

Betrayal Mark 14:10-12, 18-21, 41-52

Three Types of Betrayal

- Outright Rejection like Judas
 - Why did Judas betray Jesus?
 - Some say greed - Matthew 26:15; John 12:6
 - Some say satanic influence - Luke 22:3; John 12:2, 27
 - Some say that Judas was upset that Jesus suggested the legitimacy of Roman taxation
 - Some say that Jesus and Judas were in on it together, but this can't be true because of Jesus' pronouncement of woe upon Judas in Mark 14:21
 - What did Judas provide the religious leaders?
 - He revealed the time and place where Jesus could be seized away from the crowds
 - He likely also provided information about Jesus threatening the temple since these are accusations at Jesus' trial
 - Betrayal from a close friend
 - Mark emphasizes the closeness of Judas - "one of the twelve," "one who is eating with me," "one who dips with Me in the bowl," "whomever I kiss"
 - Psalm 41:9 *"Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."*
- Abandonment like the disciples
 - When they all run away it fulfills Zechariah 13:7 - *"Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered."*
- Inappropriate action like Peter

How do we act in the face of opposition to Christ? Do we act out? Do we run? Do we reject? Do we accept?

Jesus identifies with us in His betrayal

- Jesus knows what it feels like to be betrayed, to be abandoned, to have false accusations made against Him
- Jesus knows the deep hurt of being betrayed by a close friend
- Jesus also knows that you feel deep guilt and shame if you have betrayed someone, including Him

Jesus responds to betrayal with acceptance of God's will

John 14:49b - *"...but this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures."*

- In our culture, betrayal should be met with vengeance and justice. We want to cut off the ear.
- Jesus is betrayed by one of the twelve, his brother. In the book of Genesis, Joseph is betrayed by his brothers who represent the 12 tribes. Genesis 50:20 - *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive."*
- This betrayal is all part of God's plan. Jesus was not in collusion with Judas, but this is God's plan.
 - Mark 3:19; 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34; 14:18-21; 14:49
- In the midst of being betrayed, Jesus is focused on the Father's will, not his own right to be angry or hurt

RESPONSE:

- You can't pay for your sins. Come to the front and kneel to recognize that only Jesus can pay for your sin.
- You can't earn forgiveness. Come to the Prayer Points and pray to receive Christ's forgiveness and salvation that He earned through His death and resurrection.
- You can't heal the hurt of being betrayed. Come to the Prayer Points to receive prayer for inner healing.

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Have you tried to pay for your own sins? Have you tried to save yourself? Explain.
2. If willing and appropriate, tell a story of you betraying someone or being betrayed and how God helped heal you.
3. How does the betrayal of Jesus affect your understanding of Jesus' character? Does it make Him feel more relatable? Does it stir anything in you?

Next Steps:

JOIN A LIFEGROUP: LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at rcarter@calvarylife.org, or indicate "LifeGroups" on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). calvarylife.org/lifegroups

TAKE YOUR ANXIOUS THOUGHTS CAPTIVE: At the Anxiety Breaker class, explore a biblical perspective on how to reduce anxiety and live life more fully while finding joy in the present. Hear from Dr. Andrea Ganahl, an expert in clinical psychology, as she teaches and encourages men and women to take their thoughts captive in order to reduce anxiety and become more Christlike. Join this class on Wednesdays through March 13, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. calvarylife.org/anxiety

FIND CARE AND HELP: Calvary has ministries available for those who are dealing with hurt, guilt, addiction, and grief. We want to walk alongside you in this season and help you in your journey of embracing God's hope and healing for your life through our Calvary Life Counseling Center, Support Groups, Celebrate Recovery, Prayer Ministry and more. Find out more and take a next step by visiting calvarylife.org/care

In Response:

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.